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1. CCC CREDITS. WE WILL INFORM NICK OF NAC'S POST-PONEMENT DECISION (STATE 40727), AS REQUESTED, AND NOTE HOW USEFUL IT WOULD BE FOR EMBASSY TO HAVE EARLY INFO ON SUCH ITEMS AS USDA RESERVATIONS, TRANSHIPMENT RUMORS AND IMPLICIT HUMAN RIGHTS LINKAGES BEFORE WE RAISE TOPICS LIKE SOYBEAN CREDITS WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS HERE, AS AMBASSADOR HAS ON TWO OCCASIONS (PATAN AND MICULESCU) NOW. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO READOUT ON DISCUSSION OF EMIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS WITH PUNGAN.
 2. EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE. EMIL'S SATURDAY MEETING WITH STANCA AT MFT TO PROBE REASONS FOR DELAY, DULY NOTING CONGRESSIONAL CONNECTION, HAS NOW BEEN DELAYED TO TUESDAY. DEPENDING ON RESULTS, AMBASSADOR WILL CONSIDER WHETHER TO RAISE IT AT HIGHER APPROPRIATE LEVEL.
 3. VISIT BY SPIRIDE (STATE 40727). ASSUME YOU MEAN CALIN SPIRIDE OF ROMCONTROL DATA, WHO IS PLANNING TO GO TO U.S. MARCH 4 OR 8 TO 18 OR 20
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FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH CDC/SCHMIDT ON COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER MAIN FRAME JOINT VENTURE POSSIBILITIES. SPIRIDE WOULD ACCOMPANY IOAN BATRINA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INDUSTRIAL CENTRAL FOR COMPUTER TECHNIQUES, PLUS SEVERAL OF BATRINA'S ASSISTANTS.

4. CASTRO ASSIGNMENT. ON OPORTO SLOT, AMBASSADOR BLOOMFIELD KNOWS EMIL WELL FROM RIO DE JANEIRO, AND EMIL FEELS THIS MIGHT OUTWEIGH HIS LACK OF CONSULAR EXPERIENCE. I HAD A HAND IN GETTING VERN PENNER (EMIL'S PUTATIVE PREDECESSOR IN OPORTO) UP TO BAT FOR THE JOB, AND FEEL THAT EMIL IS AT LEAST AS QUALIFIED. HIGGINS DID NOT REFER TO BILBAO POSITION, WHICH IS O-4. ON BARRANQUILLA AND RECEIFE, EMIL VERY MUCH PREFERS BARRANQUILLA, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIFE IF THAT WERE ONLY CHOICE. CONCERNING "GOOD" WASHINGTON SLOT, HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN RETURNING TO WASHINGTON NEXT TOUR (AS REPEATED URGINGS BY AMBASSADOR AND MYSELF CONCERNING INTS' POSITION HAVE TAUGHT US).

5. EPPERS ASSIGNMENT (STATE 14769, BUCHAREST 486 AND 806). MY SECRETARY, LAURA EPPERS, RECEIVED ANNOUNCEMENT OF ONWARD ASSIGNMENT TO ROME JANUARY 23, ETD 3/78. AT DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, SHE EXTENDED IN BUCHAREST TO ACCOMMODATE LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR HER SUCCESSOR, AND HAS BEEN TRYING UNSUCCESSFULLY EVERY SINCE (EMBTELS ABOVE) TO ELICIT INDICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT RE BUCHAREST DEPARTURE DATE AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONSULT ONE DAY IN ROME EN ROUTE TO HOME LEAVE ADDRESS. COULD YOU CHECK WITH GEORGE HAAS OR ANYONE ELSE LIKELY TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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KNOWLEDGEABLE? WE HAVE HAD ROTTEN LUCK RECENTLY WITH SECRETARIAL ASSIGNMENTS, LESS ON ASSIGNMENTS THEMSELVES THAN ON CRITICAL HOUSEKEEPING DETAILS, AND WOULD HATE TO SEE PATTERN DEVELOP. AGGREY

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